

Mr. John Wilkinson, Commonwealth Fund Fellow, has arrived in Berkeley, from Armstrong College, University of Durham, England. Mr. Wilkinson, who has been studying the genus *Salix* from a cyto-taxonomic viewpoint, will continue research at the University of California.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE CALIFORNIA BOTANICAL SOCIETY

Saturday, April 6, 1935. A field trip was taken to Big Basin in the Santa Cruz Mountains. The group met at 10:00 a. m. in Room 460, Physiology Building, Stanford University, and proceeded by automobile to Big Basin, arriving for lunch at about noon. Attendance was small on account of rain. However, a larger number arrived for dinner at Students' Union, Stanford University, and the evening lecture, Room 460, Physiology Building, was well attended. Dr. Ira L. Wiggins of Stanford University spoke on "Botanizing in Sonora." This account of a recent field trip was illustrated. President George J. Peirce occupied the chair. No business was transacted.

Thursday, October 17, 1935. A meeting was held at 8:00 p. m. in Room 2093, Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley. The President, Dr. George J. Peirce, occupied the chair, introducing Professor G. W. Hendry of the Division of Agronomy, College of Agriculture, University of California, Berkeley. Professor Hendry gave an illustrated lecture on "The Botanical Analysis of Adobe Bricks." The identification of the various grain and weed seeds found in adobes of known date of the Spanish-Californian period yields much information about the kinds of grain cultivated by the Spanish-Californians and also fixes the approximate dates of introduction of many alien plants which have become naturalized in California. About sixty-five members and guests attended the meeting. No business was transacted.

Thursday, November 21, 1935. A meeting was held at 8:00 p. m. in Room 2093, Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley. Professor Emanuel Fritz, Second Vice-President, occupied the chair, introducing the speaker, Professor W. F. Gericke, of the Division of Plant Nutrition, College of Agriculture, University of California, Berkeley. Professor Gericke spoke on "Crop Production in Liquid Media." The commercial possibilities of this method of water culture were demonstrated by comparing yields and cost of production with those of the usual soil culture method. Very convincing slides illustrated the lecture. About fifty-five members and guests attended the meeting. No business was transacted.—E. CRUM, Secretary.